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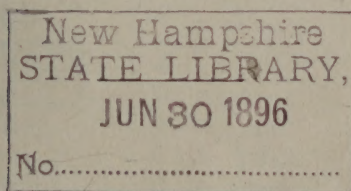
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ACWORTH,

FOR THE

Year ending March 8, 1880.



SOUTH ACWORTH, N. H.:

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STATEMENT

OF ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, AS EXHIB-
ITED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 8, 1880.

Orders for Payment of Notes and Interest.

1879. Order to—

March	22.	J. A. Wood, to pay note in full,		\$289.06
	26.	S. F. Pond,	"	236.39
April	1.	J. H. Dickey,	"	202.50
		C. M. Woodbury,	"	1,333.90
		John Graham,	"	2,431.01
		Lusina S. Crosby,	"	636.68
		Betsey Warner,	"	1,050.00
		Lucinda S. Finlay,	"	1,486.39
		Fanny Hull,	"	268.88
		Nancy Houston,	"	258.40
		Trustees Cong. S'y,	"	1,518.75
		Solon Blanchard,	"	503.62
	7.	Daniel Nye,	"	282.46
		L. F. Hayward,	"	245.48
	24.	Willard Colburn,	"	88.94
		Judith Kennedy,	"	115.76
		J. A. Wood,	" part,	200.00
	30.	Elma Buss,	" full,	27.32
July	22.	Fanny Hull,	" part,	15.00
Aug.	7.	Geo. Smith,	"	625.12
	30.	Ezra Buss,	"	26.77
Oct.	21.	Fanny Hull,	" part,	35.00
Dec.	26.	Trustees Cong. S'y,	"	825.00
	27.	Fanny Hull,	"	50.00

1879. Order to—

Dec. 27. D. C. Lewis, adm'r, to pay note in full, \$494.32

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Jan.	2. Nancy Houston, to pay note in part,	105.00
	5. Trustees Cong. S'y, to pay note in full,	720.00
		\$14,071.75

Orders for Breaking Roads.

1879. Order to—

March	11. Charles H. Howard, for breaking roads,	\$7.20
	20. M. V. B. Peck, “	10.79
April	7. J. L. McKeen, “	6.07
	12. Geo. W. Potter, “	5.40
	Roswell Walker, “	16.00
	14. Jos. A. Allen, “	13.12
	N. J. Whitney, “	3.90
	Joel B. Tracy, “	4.35
	J. T. Mitchell, “	19.97
	24. Horace Dexter, “	6.00
	25. Geo. W. Potter, for cutting road out,	9.30
	29. A. H. Church, for breaking roads,	17.99
	A. H. Piper, “	14.60
	S. O. Taylor, “	3.25
	E. L. Sarsons, “	5.40
	M. V. B. Peck, “	15.64
	Loring Morse, “	2.87
	E. A. Kingsbury, “	5.50
	H. N. Hayward, “	6.60
May	21. S. O. Brackett, “	5.50
	J. H. Clark, “	4.12
	J. Elliot Smith, “	3.30
	H. N. Hayward, for cutting out snow, in Dist. 21,	7.00
June	20. F. Metcalf, for breaking roads,	1.50
Aug.	7. Robt. Kennedy, “	2.45
	23. Geo. Bailey, “	9.97
	W. F. Hilliard, “	4.26

1879. Order to—

Aug.	26.	A. G. Graham, for breaking roads,	\$2.25
Sept.	22.	A. A. Mathewson, “	5.77
Nov.	15.	W. E. Harris, “	11.00
	24.	K. E. Wood, “	1.35
Dec.	2.	Solon Blanchard, “	11.40
		Geo. W. Hilliard, “	3.00
		Daniel W. Thompson, “	8.55

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Jan.	9.	Joseph Hayward, for breaking roads,	6.90
	10.	John M. Thompson, “	3.45
Feb.	20.	K. E. Wood, “	8.05
		J. H. Reed, “	4.50
	21.	J. S. Osgood, “	4.50
	26.	Joseph Hayward, “	4.86
		Wilson E. Harris, “	8.73
		J. S. Gove, “	2.40
		W. F. Hilliard, “	5.46
		W. B. Reed, “	3.30
		W. C. Neal, “	10.80
			\$318.32

Orders for Repairing Roads and Bridges.

1879. Order to—

April	29.	J. L. McKeen, for cutting bushes on highway,	\$2.75
		D. G. Osgood, for repairing slide,	9.65
June	23.	C. W. Parks, “ highway,	25.54
July	8.	G. W. Leighton, “ bridge,	10.00
Aug.	8.	J. T. Mitchell, “ highway,	7.15
	18.	Albert E. Buswell, for building bridge near Samuel Slader's,	12.00
	26.	A. G. Graham, repairing road,	2.65
Sept.	22.	H. N. Hayward, repairing road in Dist. No. 6,	3.00
		R. S. Morrison, for plank, timber, and labor on highway,	24.00
		G. H. Crossett, for repairing Cold River road,	218.86

1879. Order to—

Oct.	7.	J. M. Reed, for repairing bridge,	\$42.10
		“ “ “ highway,	50.00
	10.	C. M. Barrett, timber for town,	17.15
Nov.	18.	H. N. Hayward, paid for repairing highway,	1.50
	26.	G. W. Leighton, “ “ “	52.68
	28.	Lyman Buswell, “ “ sluice,	1.75
Dec.	2.	G. H. Crossett, for repairing roads and bridges,	12.33
		E. A. Kingsbury, for repairing highway,	10.22
		R. S. Morrison, for bridge-plank,	9.43
		W. W. Pettingill, work on highway,	1.35
		R. Walker, repairing highway,	6.00
	9.	W. S. Pollard, repairing Honey Brook road,	9.30
	19.	G. W. Neal, repairing highway,	6.10
1880.			
Jan.	10.	M. W. Gassett, repairing highway,	8.71
		A. F. Buswell, repairing Cold Pond road,	2.00
		G. W. Leighton, repairing highway,	13.64
		Harvey Howard, “	2.15
		T. B. Batchelder, repairing highway and bridge,	12.50
		C. J. Davis, repairing highway,	5.00
	30.	J. Symonds, work on highway,	3.00
Feb.	21.	C. P. Watts, repairing highway,	6.27
	26.	M. D. Gay, “	2.20
		M. V. B. Peck, “	2.00
			\$592.98

Orders for the Support of Paupers.

1879. Order to—

March	14.	Dr. Allen, for medicine for county paupers,	\$8.35
	17.	H. N. Hayward, cash paid for support of Helen L. Cram, two months,	34.22
April	7.	G. H. Crossett, for medicine for Margaret Clark,	3.50
	29.	Leon Sarsons, for board of Margaret Clark,	16.25

1879. Order to—

May	21.	G. H. Crossett, medicine for Margaret Clark,	\$3.00
	31.	R. L. Howe, for board of Lydia Woodbury,	20.90
June	4.	James Forsaith, for board of Nancy Elkins,	15.29
	18.	H. N. Hayward, cash paid for support of Helen L. Cram, 3 months,	52.06
	28.	Sylvester Huntley, for board of Jane Blanchard, 17 3-7 weeks,	21.79
August	4.	Leon Sarsons, for board of Margaret Clark, 14 weeks,	17.50
	23.	Sam'l W. Blodgett, for board of Nancy Sweet, 31 weeks,	23.25
		Leon Sarsons, board of Margaret Clark, 4 weeks,	5.00
		Betsey J. Clough, board of Almira A. Clough, 31 weeks,	93.00
		Calvin Howe, board of Jane Blanchard, 9 1-7 weeks,	11.42
Sept.	4.	Dr. Allen, for doctoring Margaret Clark,	4.58
		N. G. Brooks, for doctoring Nancy Sweet,	11.25
		H. N. Hayward, for support of Helen L. Cram, 3 months,	57.85
Dec.	19.	Leon Sarsons, board of Margaret Clark,	20.00
	23.	H. N. Hayward, for support of Helen L. Cram, 3 months,	53.64

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Jan.	10.	S. W. Blodgett, board of Nancy Sweet,	15.75
		Leon Sarsons, board of Margaret Clark,	6.25
		B. J. Clough, board of Almira Clough,	63.00
		C. A. Hull, board of Jane Blanchard,	26.25
		C. A. Allen, for doctoring Margaret Clark,	4.58
	26.	Wm. Brooks, for medicine for Margaret Clark,	.80
		C. A. Hull, for board of Jane Blanchard,	15.75
			\$605.23

Orders for Miscellaneous Purposes.

1879. Order to—

March	11.	J. Ware, for use of watering-trough,	\$3.00
	18.	Wm. Hayward, for abatement of taxes for 1874,	11.55
	25.	H. N. Hayward, for books and stationery,	5.56
April	11.	H. N. Hayward, for printing reports,	17.78
	12.	R. Walker, for use of watering trough,	3.00
	29.	G. H. Crossett, for erecting guide-boards,	14.50
		H. N. Hayward, for stationery and postage,	2.24
May	13.	E. A. Kingsbury, for sexton service in Surry,	4.50
	21.	G. W. Neal, for damage to plow on road,	1.50
		G. H. Crossett, for damage paid J. L. Webster,	4.00
June	3.	Asa Dodge, for repairing scrapers,	17.50
	18.	H. N. Hayward, for expenses to Clare- mont and Charlestown,	4.50
	20.	H. N. Hayward, for re-setting tombstones,	6.43
	23.	H. M. Dodge, for running and repairing scraper,	17.97
	30.	C. H. Howard, for running scraper,	20.50
July	23.	H. N. Hayward, cash pd. for bounties,	\$1.90
		H. A. Moore, " " "	4.50
		G. H. Crossett, " " "	1.90
		—	8.30
		H. A. Moore, paid E. L. Cushing for counsel,	3.00
Aug.	7.	R. Kennedy, for watering-trough,	3.00
	23.	H. N. Hayward, for order-book,	3.50
		M. V. B. Peck, damage to sheep by dogs,	\$3.00
		A. G. Graham, " " "	27.00
		—	30.00
Sept.	22.	E. K. Morrison, for making guide-boards,	2.00
	25.	George Bailey, for repairing town-house,	178.20
Nov.	18.	H. N. Hayward, expenses in Clough case,	7.00
Dec.	2.	W. H. Barney, for watering-trough,	3.00
	2.	R. Walker, overtaxed for interest money,	19.25
	5.	Daniel Warner, being overtaxed,	.77

1880. Order to—

Jan.	10.	E. L. Sarsons, for uncollected taxes for 1879,	\$6.16
	10.	W. K. Church, for repairing scraper,	2.80
	10.	T. B. Batchelder, for work with scraper,	15.00
	14.	G. W. Buss, for erecting guide-boards,	5.00
Feb.	7.	Oliver Chapin, for repairing scraper,	2.00
	21.	Ira Colby, services as counsel,	5.00
	26.	J. H. Dickey, for rewriting auditors' report, 1879,	2.00
	26.	Nellie L. Woodbury, cash paid for printing, postage, and express,	1.05
	26.	L. G. & C. H. Kimball, damage to sheep by dogs,	16.25
	26.	Loring Morse, damage to sheep by dogs,	2.50
	26.	A. M. & J. T. Mitchell, " "	10.00
	26.	A. G. Graham, " "	16.50
	26.	D. C. Anderson, " "	2.50
	26.	E. M. Smith, services as counsel,	2.00
	26.	E. L. Sarsons, for abatement of taxes, 1879,	27.84
	26.	H. A. Moore, for abatement of taxes, 1877,	14.04
	26.	H. N. Hayward, paid bounties on hawks,	1.00
	26.	H. N. Hayward, paid postage and stationery,	.62
	26.	G. H. Crossett, for abatement of taxes for 1878,	30.50
	26.	H. A. Moore, for abatement of A. K. Howard's tax,	7.96
	26.	G. W. Buss, for being overtaxed,	1.28
	26.	C. J. Davis, for tolling bells,	10.00
	26.	M. P. Thompson, repairing scraper-irons,	1.30
			\$575.85

Orders to pay School-House Taxes.

1879. Order to—

July	16.	J. L. Smith, in Dist. No. 2,	\$129.63
Sept.	6.	Daniel Clark, " 4,	290.00
	25.	Samuel Slader, " 3,	35.00
1880.			
Jan.	10.	E. L. Sarsons, " 9,	31.20

 \$485.83

Orders to pay Town Officers.

1879. Order to—			
April	29.	G. H. Crossett, services as collector for 1878,	\$50.00
	29.	G. H. Crossett, services as selectman, in part,	30.00
	29.	H. N. Hayward, services as selectman, in part,	40.00
	29.	H. A. Moore, services as selectman, in part,	30.00
Sept.	29.	H. N. Hayward, services as selectman, in part,	30.00
Dec.	2.	W. C. Neal, services as sexton to date,	44.00
1880.			
Feb.	21.	J. A. Wood, services as supervisor,	5.00
	21.	J. M. Reed, " "	5.00
	21.	William Brooks, services as town-clerk,	25.00
	26.	John Graham, services as town treasurer,	25.00
	26.	J. H. Dickey, services as auditor,	5.00
	26.	H. N. Hayward, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	16.25
	26.	G. H. Crossett, services as selectman and overseer of poor, in full,	10.50
	26.	H. A. Moore, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	9.50
		M. E. Anderson and N. L. Woodbury, services as superintending school committee,	50.00
	26.	W. C. Neal, services as sexton,	19.00
			\$394.25

Recapitulation.

Amount of orders to pay notes and interest,		\$14,071.75
"	for breaking roads,	318.32
"	for repairing roads and bridges,	592.98
"	for support of paupers,	605.23
"	for miscellaneous purposes,	575.85
"	to pay town officers,	394.25
"	for repairing school-houses,	485.83
Amount of school orders drawn,		1,467.44
"	highway receipts returned,	48.66
		\$18,560.31

Amount of orders to support paupers,	\$605.23
Amount refunded by county,	410.13
Expense of town paupers,	\$195.10
Dog tax for 1879,	71.00
Amount of damage to sheep by dogs,	77.75
Balance against the dogs,	\$6.75

Abatements.

Americus K. Howard, tax, 1876,	\$7.96
John McKeen, tax, 1877,	13.07
Benjamin Nichols, tax, 1877,	.97
Albert J. Bowen, poll-tax, 1878,	1.65
Francis P. Fletcher, tax in full, 1878,	7.06
Sumner N. Howard, tax in part, 1878,	.73
Davis B. Prentiss, tax in full, 1878,	2.37
Peter W. Rawleigh, tax in part, 1878,	.90
Sylvanus Stowell, poll-tax, 1878,	1.65
Henry S. Strickland, poll-tax in full, 1878,	2.12
James C. Stearns, poll-tax in part, 1878,	.98
William B. Smith, tax on farm, 1878,	13.05
Urban H. Peck, poll-tax, 1879,	1.54
Zenas Slader, " "	1.54
C. E. Woodbury, " "	1.54
Oliver M. Holt, " "	1.54
School-house in District No. 9, 1879,	31.20
Joseph Barney, poll-tax, 1879,	1.54
Walter Barney, " "	1.54
Henry Forsaith, " "	1.66
Charles P. Sanders, " "	1.54
William B. Smith, real estate, 1856,	21.56

Assets.

1879.

March 11.	Amount in treasury, as per auditor's report,	\$1,822.01
22.	Cash borrowed of J. A. Wood,	1,300.00
April 1.	" C. M. Woodbury,	1,325.00
	" John Graham,	2,400.00
	" Lusina Crosby,	600.00

1879.

April	1.	Cash borrowed of Betsey Warner,	\$1,000.00
		“ Lucinda Finlay,	1,200.00
		“ Solon Blanchard,	503.62
		“ trustees Cong. Soc’y,	1,500.00
		“ Geo. Smith,	625.12
		“ Daniel Nye,	282.46
		“ L. F. Hayward,	200.00
		“ Nancy Houston,	258.00
	3.	“ Judith Kennedy,	110.00
	17.	“ Fanny Hull,	250.00
	24.	“ Emoroy P. Heard,	90.00
	26.	“ Daniel Nye,	200.00
	30.	“ Alma Clark,	27.32
		“ Ezra A. Buss,	26.77
Aug.	23.	Rec’d of Sarah and Helen Osgood, for tax on interest money, note invoiced,	9.24
April	29.	Amount of tax-bill less state and county tax,	4,120.98
Aug.	23.	Amount of school-house tax in District No. 4,	302.95
Sept.	9.	Cash rec’d from county for support of paupers,	257.75
	22.	Cash rec’d of state for bounties,	3.80
Nov.	12.	Cash rec’d of state for savings bank tax,	900.27
		Cash rec’d of state for literary fund,	79.92

1880.

Jan.	7.	Cash borrowed of S. Symonds,	500.00
	28.	Cash rec’d of county for support of pau- pers,	152.38
		Cash rec’d of G. H. Crossett, as inter- est on taxes for 1878,	20.00
Feb.	26.	Cash rec’d of E. L. Sarsons, interest on taxes, 1879,	10.65
		Cash rec’d of H. A. Moore, for proof of bankrupt claim,	1.00
		Cash rec’d of G. H. Crossett, for proof of bankrupt claim,	1.00
		Cash rec’d of G. H. Crossett, interest on taxes, 1878,	12.21
		Cash rec’d of H. A. Moore, interest on taxes, 1877,	16.94

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee submit the following report of the condition and progress of the schools of Acworth, during the year just closed.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, Mr. J. H. Dickey. The summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Mary E. Anderson. The wide range of ages in scholars, and the great variety of studies in consequence of this, so cramped the proper work of both scholars and teacher, that, after four weeks' trial, Miss Alice L. Anderson was appointed assistant. The examination showed good progress on the part of most of the scholars.

Mr. Charles W. Stone, of Andover, N. H., a gentleman of excellent literary attainments, had charge of the Grammar department during the fall and winter terms, of ten and eight weeks respectively. Although some devoted more time and attention to the lyceums than could profitably be spared from the regular school work, fair progress was made by many of the pupils, especially among those taking the higher branches. The order during both terms was far from perfect.

Miss Nellié L. Keyes, of Lempster, N. H., taught the Primary school during the fall term of ten weeks, and Miss Annie L. Thayer during the winter term of eight weeks. Both were very successful terms. The deportment and progress were excellent.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee, Mr. J. R. Smith. Miss Etta M. King, of Marlow, N. H., was employed to teach the summer term of ten weeks. Catching the spirit of the teacher, the scholars were prompt and enthusiastic, causing the term to be in every respect a good one.

The fall term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Anderson, was also a profitable one.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee, Mr. A. E. Buswell. The summer term of seven weeks was taught by Miss Dora J. Hilliard. This was Miss H.'s first attempt, but she proved to be a faithful and conscientious teacher.

One of our best teachers, Miss Etta King, had charge of the school for twelve weeks in the fall. The attendance was very poor, the bad effects of which were shown at the examination. Parents will do well to remember that it is impossible for *any* teacher to maintain the interest and attention of the scholars, necessary for rapid advancement, where frequent absences are the rule.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, Mr. M. D. Gould. The fall term was commenced by Mr. F. L. Johnson, of Springfield, Vt., who taught five weeks, and then left for reasons unknown to the committee.

The services of Miss Ella E. Straw, of Unity, N. H., were procured for the winter term of fourteen weeks. Your committee were unable to be present at the examination, but the orderly, studious appearance of the school at our first visit justifies us in pronouncing the school a successful one.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, Mr. M. V. B. Peck. Miss Alma A. Clark was the teacher during the summer term of eight weeks. The number of classes was much too large for the number of pupils, and the order was not as good as it should have been. Fair progress was made in the studies.

Very good work, especially among the younger pupils, was done in the fall term of twelve weeks, by Miss Flora E. Newton, of Unity, N. H.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Mr. J. Benton Tracy. Both summer and fall terms, of eight and nine weeks respectively, were taught by Miss Nellie E. Willard, of Langdon, N. H. The summer school numbered but five pupils, with an increase of two for the second term. Miss Willard came to her post with no previous experience as a teacher, but her untiring patience and energy did not fail to win abundant success.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. Almira Taylor. The summer term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Minnie E. Davis. At our first visit the order and recitations were good; but the examination failed to show quite as much improvement as we had anticipated. Teachers and pupils in this district labor under serious disadvantages, owing to the great variety of text-books and consequent poor classification.

The fall term was under the care of the experienced and well-known teacher, Miss Juliette A. Osgood, who met with her usual success.

One of the best schools in town this year was the third term in this district, taught by Mr. Charles H. Howard, who apparently had his school under perfect control, and showed a devotion to his work equalled by few. Length of term, nine weeks.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Prudential Committee, Mr. F. P. Fletcher. Miss Nellie L. Keyes, of Lempster, labored faithfully and well during the summer term of ten weeks; but her success might have been greater had perfect harmony existed among the citizens of the district.

The winter term was under the instruction of Miss Orre A. Isham, of Marlow, an efficient teacher, who, aided by studious pupils, made the term in every respect a valuable one.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Prudential Committee, Mr. M. B. Wells. In the summer, Miss Rossie A. Reed taught her first term (seven weeks) with marked success. At the examination, a recitation by a small class of beginners, taught orally, in geography and arithmetic, would have done credit to older and more experienced scholars and teachers.

The fall term, taught by Miss Orre A. Isham, was also a prosperous one. The closing examination showed that excellent progress had been made during the year.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Prudential Committee, Mr. J. R. Crossett. The summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Annie L. Thayer, who was, as usual, successful in her work. A good feature of this school was the small number of classes, which enabled each scholar to make good progress in every branch.

The district was fortunate in securing, for the fall term of the Grammar school, Mr. L. K. Graves, of Waterbury, Vt., who is a thorough, careful teacher, admirably fitted for the place which he so successfully filled.

We need but mention the name of the teacher of the primary school, Miss Nellie M. Atwood, to assure every one that the term was one of the best. Miss Atwood drew all her scholars to her by a strong personal attachment, and her work was a grand success. Length of term, ten weeks.

As the two schools were united during the winter term, the teacher, Miss Emma Safford, of Springfield, Vt., had many difficulties with which to contend. Nevertheless, the result of the eight weeks' work was better than could have been expected under the circumstances.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Prudential Committee, Mr. G. P. Dickey. Miss Alice E. Johnson, of Unity, taught the summer term of eight weeks, both teacher and pupils doing more work than is done in some schools in a much longer time.

The fall term was commenced by the same teacher, but illness obliged her to leave, at the end of three weeks, and the term was

completed by her brother, Mr. Francis E. Johnson, who taught six weeks.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Emmons Atwood. There was but one term in this district, consisting of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Della G. Witt, of Drewsville, N. H. During most of the term there were but three scholars, two of whom did not know the alphabet at the beginning of the term, but at the end were able to read better than many little ones after two years' schooling. The other pupil also made rapid improvement, particularly in grammar.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during the entire year.

No. 1.

Aggie R. Mitchell, Ella A. Prentiss, Minnie E. Chatterton, Gertie M. Chatterton, Sara E. Potter, Mary S. Potter, Myrtie B. Symonds, Mabel A. Wood, Annie G. Neal, Alice J. Neal, Nell L. Keyes, Hattie M. Walker, Willie H. Mitchell, Horace C. Mitchell, George Perham.

No. 2.

John A. Whitney, Carl E. Smith.

No. 3.

Walter Slader.

No. 5.

Dora V. Reed, Ellsworth A. Reed, Byron D. Reed.

No. 6.

Flora Sarsons, Edward Bell, Elmer E. Wheeler.

No. 8.

Fannie A. Merrill, Arthur G. Young, Oscar C. Young, Lyman A. Young.

No. 9.

Mary N. Morrison, Nellie F. Miller.

No. 11.

Nellie I. Crossett, Kate E. Murdough, Jessie E. Morrison.

No. 12.

Willie D. Gowen, Annie D. Johnson, Mary J. Dickey, Thomas Miller.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Great improvements have been made during the past year, in repairing and furnishing school-houses. Districts Nos. 2 and 3 have finished the repairs commenced last year. In No. 4 the school-house has been entirely rebuilt, and furnished with patent desks and seats, making it, in some respects, more pleasant and comfortable than any other in town. In No. 11 repairs have been made. Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11 (also No. 12, by private subscription), have purchased large and valuable state maps. Although we are duly grateful for the advance already made in this direction, much still remains to be done. We do not hesitate to say, that, in many schools, twice as much might be accomplished in geography could the teacher be furnished with an ordinary set of outline maps, costing from eight to ten dollars. Yet we find such a set complete in but three districts in town.

Much improvement might be made in text-books, too great a variety being found in many schools. We recommend the Franklin Readers, Harper's Geographies, and Swinton's Grammars. The latter have been introduced into our schools during the past year, and have met with almost universal approval.

Thanking those who have kindly aided us in our work, we respectfully submit this, our report.

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